

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re NEW PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Oliver HERICOURT et al.)
Appln. No. : Unknown)
Filed : Herewith)
For : SYSTEM AND METHOD)
FOR DOWNLOADING A)
VIRUS-FREE FILE)
CERTIFICATE FROM A)
FILE SERVER)
Atty. Dkt. : FR9-1999-0112-US1)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8 and 18 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (Amended) A method, for use in a client system [(100)], for downloading from a file
2 server [(101)] a file and an associated virus-free certificate [(200)] certifying that the file
3 is virus-free, comprising the steps of :
4 • sending [(401)] a request to a file server for a virus-free certificate associated with
5 a file to download from said file server, said request comprising one or a plurality
6 of requirements [(301...307)] for said virus-free certificate;